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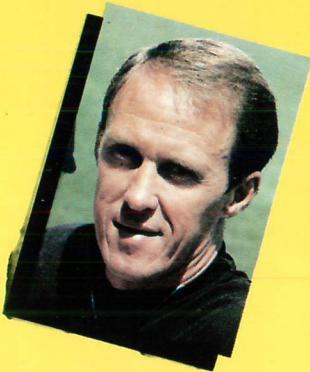
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RESULTS of late have had us all in a nervous quandary, but there were signs at Bury on Tuesday that we are getting back in the swing. I felt we looked as dangerous as we have for some time and all that was lacking was an effective service into the danger areas.

I'll be looking for us to build on that and take a

positive attitude into our remaining three games—starting this afternoon.

Who better to illustrate the value of leadership than Bristol City? Joe Jordan's troops have been leaders in every sense of the word for so long now, hitting a consistent run and leading the pack with confidence. They have been positive and that is what we must be prepared to be today.

The point is that no matter how things have been going we are still in there with a shout of the play-offs and I'm as determined as anyone to see us get there.

The fact that we are going out today against the League leaders shouldn't deter us one bit.

Those who went to Bury saw young Scott Green make his full League debut in a real pressure situation. He showed his worth on the night, handled the pressure in just the way I expected him to and confirmed without doubt that he will have a part to play in the future of Bolton Wanderers—not just in seasons to come but also in the current one.

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ANTHONY BANKS



Anthony is 12 years old and comes from Yate, near Bristol. He goes to King Edmund School, Yate, and plays football for the school—Yate Kingsmead and the Junior Reds. His favourite City players are Robbie Turner and Glenn Humphries.

A new programme will be produced for next Tuesday's game against Huddersfield. Anyone wishing to purchase the original programme (Tuesday, 13th February) can do so from the Souvenir Shop.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

	Attendances 1989-90			
	Average	Highest	Lowest	10,000 + Atts.
Birmingham C.	8,254	12,438	5,139	5
Blackpool	4,055	8,108	2,512	0
Bolton W.	7,050	10,628	4,679	1
Brentford	5,737	7,421	4,537	0
Bristol C.	11,183	17,791	6,365	12
Bristol R.	5,941	7,722	4,350	0
Bury	3,381	6,551	2,327	0
Cardiff C.	3,640	8,350	2,086	0
Chester C.	2,411	4,210	1,722	0
Crewe A.	4,035	6,900	3,165	0
Fulham	4,363	6,729	2,652	0
Huddersfield T.	5,734	8,483	4,381	0
Leyton Orient	4,304	7,273	3,040	0
Mansfield T.	3,130	6,384	2,230	0
Northampton T.	3,249	4,346	2,152	0
Notts Co.	5,909	9,598	4,588	0
Preston N.E.	6,294	9,135	4,480	0
Reading	4,176	6,147	3,099	0
Rotherham U.	5,674	7,750	3,719	0
Shrewsbury T.	3,439	5,118	2,297	0
Swansea C.	4,138	12,244	2,474	1
Tranmere R.	7,644	12,732	4,912	2
Walsall	4,037	6,036	2,903	0
Wigan A.	2,783	6,850	2,019	0

(Up to and including 24th April, 1990.)

TOP SCORERS - DIVISION 3

27 — Taylor (Bristol C.)
22 — Muir (Tranmere)
21 — Holdsworth (Brentford)
McGinlay (Shrewsbury)
19 — Williamson (Rotherham)
18 — Bailey (Birmingham)
17 — Philiskirk (Bolton)
Pike (Cardiff)
Robinson (Bury)
16 — Barnes (Northampton)
Malkin (Tranmere)
Mehew (Bristol R.)
15 — Hoyland (Bury)
Wilkinson (Mansfield)
14 — Johnson (Notts Co.)
13 — Maskell (Huddersfield)
Mendonca (Rotherham)
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Walker (Fulham)
12 — Christie (Mansfield)
11 — Cooper (Leyton O.)

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PROFILE ON BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS

As the Barclays League season reaches a climax, the significant number of issues which remain undecided is a testimony to the present League structure. The introduction of the play-off system in 1986/87 has, of course, had a tremendous impact upon the closing stages of each successive season. This, combined with three points for a win, has meant that more clubs than ever before remain in contention for promotion from the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions right up to the final Saturday of the season.

And there is the additional incentive this season for those clubs who qualify for the Play-Off Finals—the prospect of Wembley. Be-

fore that though, the four clubs who finish the season in play-off places in each division have to contest Semi-Finals on a home and away basis—as in previous years. The structure of the Semi-Finals is detailed below:-

BARCLAYS LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS —SEMI-FINALS—

DIVISION TWO

1st Leg (Sun. 13th May, 1990)

6th placed club v 3rd placed club
5th placed club v 4th placed club

2nd Leg (Wed. 16th May, 1990)

3rd placed club v 6th placed club
4th placed club v 5th placed club

DIVISION THREE

1st Leg (Sun. 13th May, 1990)

6th placed club v 3rd placed club
5th placed club v 4th placed club

2nd Leg (Wed. 16th May, 1990)

3rd placed club v 6th placed club
4th placed club v 5th placed club

DIVISION FOUR

1st Leg (Sun. 13th May)

7th placed club v 4th placed club
6th placed club v 5th placed club

2nd Leg (Wed. 16th May)

4th placed club v 7th placed club
5th placed club v 6th placed club

As previously, there will be extra time if the aggregate scores remain level at the end of the second leg. If any tie still remains undecided, the away goals rule will apply, followed if necessary, by penalties.

The successful clubs will

qualify for the Barclays Play-Off Finals which, for the first time, are to be played at Wembley during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. The timetable for the weekend is as follows:-

Saturday, 26th May 1990
Fourth Division
Play-Off Final (k.o. 3 p.m.)

Sunday, 27th May 1990
Third Division
Play-Off Final (k.o. 3 p.m.)

Monday, 28th May 1990
Second Division
Play-Off Final (k.o. 3 p.m.)

THE BURNDEN SUMMER SUNDAY 7 A SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUES

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Horseshoe FC stay top, beating Fellbridge Victoria 2-1. Horshoe scored twice early in the first half, with goals for Ruddy Johnson and Karl Denton. Fellbridge got back into the game with a goal from Dave Tonge midway through the second half, but Horseshoe held on to take the three points.

Lane Ends played some excellent football beating early League leaders Heaton Casuals 4-0 with goals for Mark Burton (2) and Jon Senior and Lee Sutton one each.

Morris Green scored ten (10) goals against lowly Clydeside seven. green's Tony Ashberry scored four to lead the League Goal Scoring Chart with 11 goals. Other scorers were Mick Wild (3), John Bonney (2), and Fitzroy Barnes (1).

Finestyle Windows beat Metro Wanderers 2-1, Noel Nicklin netting twice. Metro's Steve Clarke's superb strike sent him soaring into the air, those present reckoned he free failed for at least 10 seconds before his parachute opened.



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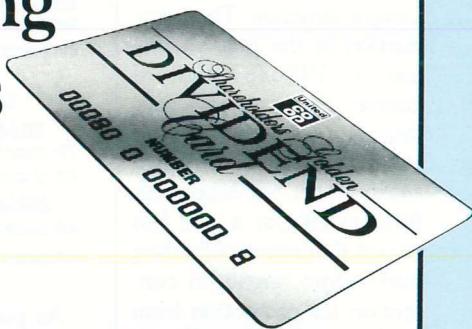
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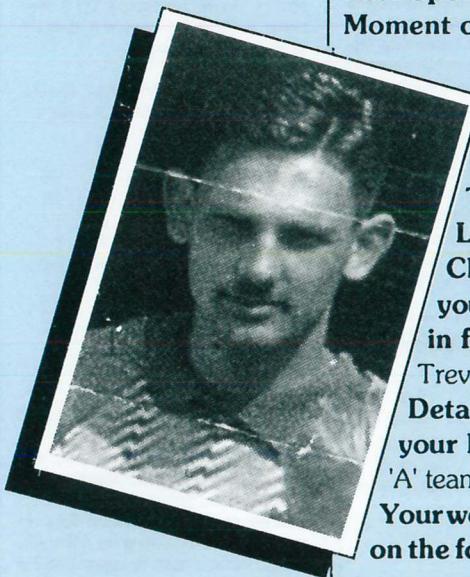


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PLAYER PROFILE

SIMON SHARROCK



Name: Simon Sharrock

Place/Date of Birth:

Bolton/7.2.72.

Married: No

Children: No

Favourite Other Team:

Liverpool

Favourite Away

Ground: Huddersfield

Best Player you have

seen in your position:

Neville Southall

Best Goal scored and

how: A low cross and I back heeled it past Gareth.

Best Goal seen: Mark

Winstanley v Wrexham.

Best Sporting

Moment outside

Football:

Beating Neil Hart 2-0 at Pool.

The

Liveliest

Character

you have met

in football:

Trevor Morgan

Details of

your First Match:

'A' team v's Preston.

Your worst moment

on the football field:

Seeing Steve Coffey break his leg.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Seeing Neil Hart fall over his feet in training.

Your best pal in football: Neil Hart, Steve Coffey.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Dave Reeves,
Shane Williams.

Do you have any hobbies:

Listening to music.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Mick Jeffrey, just to see how much he earns.

Your favourite newspaper: Sunday Sport

Your favourite

holiday spot: Spain

Biggest risk taken in your life: Letting my girlfriend do my gears in the car.

Happiest moment outside football:

Passing driving test.



VISITORS

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BRISTOL CITY



We extend a warm welcome this afternoon to the players, officials and supporters of Bristol City. Joe Jordan's side have been in outstanding form of late and are looking forward to the prospect of Second Division football next season for the first time since 1981 after a most successful and entertaining campaign.

Since the turn of the year, Bristol City

have won 15 and drawn 5 of their 22 League games. Their last defeat was a 1-3 home reversal against Tranmere in early March, so they are currently unbeaten in their last 14 League games.

Last Tuesday Bristol City were at home to Huddersfield and it took an equaliser by Nicky Morgan early in the second half to rescue a point in a 1-1 draw in front of the Third Division's highest crowd of the season, 17,791.

Crowds at Ashton Gate have been the best in the division this season and the attendance for the game last Tuesday was the Robins' 9th successive five figure crowd. An overall League average of 11,183 has swelled the Ashton Gate coffers and allowed manager Jordan to strengthen his side for the run-in with some shrewd signings. Three forward players, Nicky Morgan (Stoke), Iain Ferguson (Hearts) and Junior Bent (Huddersfield) came to the club just before the deadline. The only sad note was the tragic death in a road accident in March of striker Dean Horrix, a recent signing from Millwall, and everyone at Burnden Park would like to express their deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of the player.

Bristol City also reached the fifth round of the FA Cup, losing 1-5 at Cambridge in a second replay. That result, and a 0-6 defeat in the League at Tranmere in September, are two bizarre games which can afflict the best sides, for overall City have conceded only 36 goals in 43 League games. Crowds of 17,422 for the third round win over Swindon and 24,535 for the fourth round victory over First Division Chelsea proved that the club has the capacity to attract the kind of support necessary to make progress next season. There were 20,676 for the first game against Cambridge and overall 92,541 watched

the eight cup games at Ashton Gate this season.

Away from home this season, City have won 12 times, at Cardiff (3-0), Brentford (2-0), Crewe (1-0), Walsall (2-0), Fulham (1-0), Birmingham (4-0), Chester (3-0), Shrewsbury (1-0), Blackpool (3-1), Swansea (5-0), Rotherham (2-1) and Wigan (3-2). Their last away League defeat was way back on 31st December, a 1-2 defeat at Huddersfield Town. After today's game, City have an exciting derby in prospect next Wednesday when they visit Tiverton Park to take on Bristol Rovers before completing their League programme with a home game against Walsall next Saturday.

League Appearances (Up to and including 21.4.90.)

Bailey 34, Bromage 3, Eaton 6+5, Ferguson 6+2, Gavin 31+4, Honor 4+8, Horrix 3, Humphries 32+2, Jones 2+2, Jordan 0+1, Leaning 18, Llewellyn 42, Mardon 2+5, Mellon 7+2, Miller 0+3, Morgan 3, Newman 42, Pender 10, Rennie 41, Shelton 40, Sinclair 24, Smith 41, Taylor 36, Turner 25+6, Wimbledon 10+6.

Scorers

League (72):

Taylor 27, Shelton 8, Newman 8, Turner 6, Smith 4, Rennie 3, Morgan 3, OG 3, Wimbledon 2, Gavin 2, Ferguson 2, Bailey 1, Jones 1, Honor 1, Eaton 1.

Cup (18):

Taylor 7, Turner 3, Wimbledon 2, Gavin 2, Newman 1, Shelton 1, Smith 1, Jones 1.

Form Guide

Last 10 League Games

Notts C.	(a)	D	0-0
Northton T.	(h)	W	3-1
Mansfield T.	(h)	D	1-1
Rotherham U.	(a)	W	2-1
Wigan A.	(a)	W	3-2
Crewe A.	(h)	W	4-1
Preston N.E.	(a)	D	2-2
Fulham	(h)	W	5-1
Leyton O.	(a)	D	1-1
Hudders'ld T.	(h)	D	1-1

Goalkeeper Ron Sinclair was signed from Leeds United earlier this season. The 25 year old, who hails from Stirling, was formerly with Notts Forest. Prior to his move to Ashton Gate, most of his League experience was gained in loan spells at Wrexham and Halifax. Since making his Bristol City League debut at home to Leyton Orient in

FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	Lge	FA	League	
			Cup	Cup	Most Apps	Top Scorer
1984-85	3	5th	2	2	Walsh 45	Walsh 20
1985-86	3	9th	1	2	Neville 46	Neville 19
1986-87	3	6th	2	2	Waugh 46	Walsh 16
1987-88	3	5th	1	2	Newman 44	Walsh 12
1988-89	3	11th	SF	3	Newman 46, Walsh 46	Walsh 11

VISITORS FILE

December, Sinclair has been ever-present, displacing former York and Sheffield United goalkeeper **Andy Leaning**.

Andy Llewellyn is a 24 year old Bristol born defender who has missed only a handful of League games this season. The former England Youth International is nearing 200 League games for his only club. **Chris Honor** is another locally born defender who has come up through the apprentice ranks. The 21 year old has been restricted to a few first team appearances this season. Captain **Rob Newman** is the sole survivor of Bristol City's 3-0 FRT Final win over the Wanderers in 1986. The 26 year old defender or midfielder made his club debut in the 1981-82 season and has developed into an outstandingly consistent player. Ever-present last season and so far this term, he has made nearly 350 League appearances for the Robins and among his 44 League goals scored his side's only goal against the Wanderers at Ashton Gate in November.

Gary Shelton was a close season signing from Oxford. The 32 year old Nottingham born midfielder played formerly for Walsall, Aston Villa and Sheffield W. A regular in the side this season, he has made over 350 League appearances. Another summer signing was defender **David Rennie**, who came from Leeds United. The 25 year old Edinburgh born former Leicester City player has been a most astute acquisition and has missed only one game. **Glenn Humphries** joined the Robins from Doncaster Rovers two seasons ago. The 25 year old Hull born former England Youth International has figured regularly in the



Back Row (left to right): David Smith, Paul Mardon, Matt Bryant, Robbie Turner, Ronnie McQuilter, Rob Newman, Paul France.

Middle Row: Jimmy Lumsden (Asst. Manager), Alan Theobald, Steve McLaren (now with Oxford), Russell Bromage, Andy Leaning, John Pender, Bob Taylor, Dave Rennie, Glenn Humphries, Buster Footman (Physio.)

Front Row: Andy Llewellyn, John Bailey, Paul Wimbleton (now with Shrewsbury), Joe Jordan (Manager), Mark Gavin, Jason Eaton, Chris Honor.

side this term after an injury troubled time in 1988-89.

Mark Gavin needs no introduction to Burnden Park. The 26 year old winger left the Wanderers in 1987 to join Rochdale and moved to Ashton Gate after a short spell in the Scottish Premier League with Hearts. Formerly with Leeds and Carlisle, he made 49 League appearances for Bolton and has been in outstanding form for the Robins this season. **Bob Taylor** is the club's outstanding goalscorer whose 27 League goals have contributed hugely to the side's success this season. Signed from Leeds United just before last season's deadline, the former Horden CW striker has scored 35 goals in 48 League games for Bristol City, but a hamstring injury sustained in the home win over Crewe recently frustratingly forced him onto the sidelines. **Iain Ferguson** was signed from Hearts just before the transfer deadline this season. After a couple of substitute appearances, he made his full Bristol City debut at Rotherham at the beginning of April. Another recent arrival is former Stoke striker **Nicky Morgan**, a 30 year old former West Ham and Portsmouth player, who made his Robins debut at Preston on 14th April, when he scored a goal in a 2-2 draw.

David Smith was signed from Gillingham in the close season. The long striding 28 year old former Welling United left winger

completed 100 League appearances for the Gills last season and has been a regular for his new club. **John Bailey** is an experienced left sided defender who has been an outstanding member of the side this season. Formerly with Blackburn, Everton and Newcastle, the 33 year old Liverpudlian has made around 400 League appearances during a distinguished career. He joined City last season on a free transfer. **Rob Turner** is a former Huddersfield, Cardiff, Bristol Rovers and Wimbledon striker who came to Ashton Gate last season. The 23 year old has been a regular member of the first team squad this season. Forward **Michael Mellon** came up through the trainee ranks at Ashton Gate to make a number of League appearances this season while **Jason Eaton**, signed last season from Trowbridge Town, has also figured occasionally this term. **Junior Bent** is a 20 year old forward signed recently from Huddersfield Town. The former Leeds Road trainee has spent some of this season on loan at Burnley.

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A SEASON TO REMEMBER? IT CAN BE!

What's gone so dramatically wrong of late? That's the question every one is asking . . . but who can provide an answer? Nerves, confidence, loss of form and luck all contribute to success or failure. The fact is that the Wanderers are a pleasure to watch on their day but the recent run of just two wins out of twelve outings in the last third of the season has caused concern to the Burden faithfulls when at one stage not so long ago an automatic promotion spot was there for the taking.

But life isn't so predictable—everything gained has to be earned and commitment and character on the field of play are just two of the ingredients based on success and with just three remaining games the future lies with those who pull on the

Superwhite jersey. Spare a thought for Trevor Morgan, a player familiar to both sets of fans in today's encounter. 'Sumo' is such an influential character both on and off the field yet he looks doomed to drop into the GM Vauxhall Conference league with Colchester United next term and one can imagine Trevor's frustration on this prospect.

BRISTOL CITY have proved to be the best outfit in the THIRD DIVISION and already have one hand on the Champions trophy. Ex Wanderer Mark Gavin has undoubtedly enjoyed this season's success along with leading scorer Bob Taylor.

The other Bristol team, ROVERS, have followed their neighbours' example and despite suffering a minor hiccup in the 1-1 draw against Crewe last Saturday, bounced back to winning ways in mid week with a fine 2-1 victory at play-off hopefuls TRANMERE.

Meanwhile NOTTS COUNTY cling onto fourth spot after securing three more valuable points in their weekend encounter with a 2-1 home win at the expense of relegation haunted CARDIFF.

Fifth placed BURY surrendered a two goal advantage at bottom placed WAL-SALL but manager Sam Ellis would have been pleased to settle for just the one point on away territory and learning that BOLTON had been

defeated 1-0 at Burden by SHREWSBURY. The 'Shrews' manager Asa Hartford successfully did his homework on the Wanderers and the ploy to play things tight, giving little away for the first 20 or 30 minutes paid dividends. It was Shrewsbury top scorer John McGinlay who finally buried Bolton in the 38th minute. His shot deflected off Dean Crombie's boot and looped over Dave Felgate's desperate reach.

PRESTON's former Wanderers favourite John Thomas had helped Bolton's cause by cancelling out Bailey's 6th minute opener for BIRMINGHAM at Deepdale. The game eventually finished at 2-2 and the solitary point gained edged Birmingham's total to 63 and just one adrift of the Wanderers.

Bolton's travelling fans helped swell the Gigg Lane attendance to 6,500 for the mid-week local 'derby' with BURY. It was an opportunity for the Shakers to 'settle a score' following their 3-1 deficit at Burden earlier in the season—and they took it with goals from defender Andy Hill and versatile Jamie Hoyland. That victory guarantees Bury of a play off spot and the remaining sixth place is there for the taking. The favourites are Bolton and Birmingham—who will it be?

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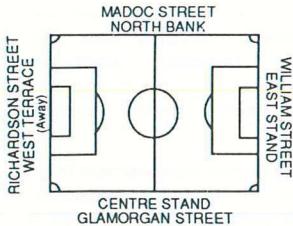
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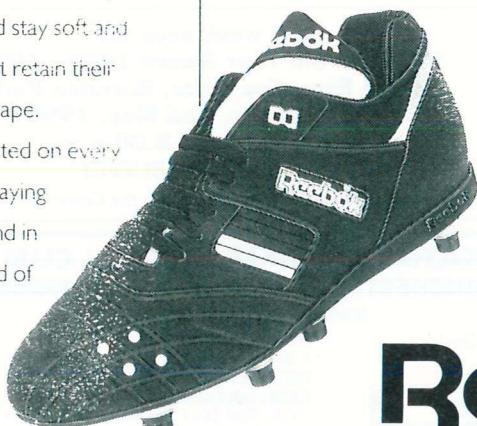
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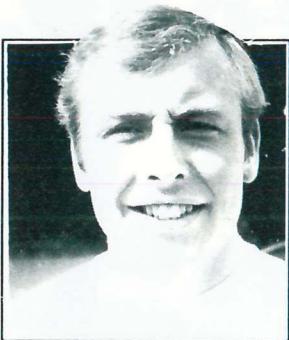


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LOOKING BACK

28th April



JOHN BYROM
Two goals on his last appearance for Bolton in 1976.

1900—The season was rounded off in style when Burton Swifts were defeated 5-0 at Burnden, the Wanderers winning promotion to Division One as runners up to Sheffield Wednesday. Laurie Bell scored 4 goals, to take his tally for the season to 23. Hugh Morgan getting the other but there was concern at the attendance which numbered just 2,300.

1906—A goal by Walter White earned the Wanderers a 1-1 home draw with Newcastle to leave them in a respectable 6th placing in Division One. It was White's 25th goal of the season but he was bettered by Albert Shepherd who had one more.

1917—Champions of the Lancashire Section, Liverpool, were beaten 1-0 at Burnden thanks to a Bob Geddes goal.

1923—The Wanderers became the first ever Wembley FA Cup winners when a goal from David Jack, his seventh in the competition and John Smith gave them a 2-0 success over West Ham United. The official attendance was 126,047 but at least 70,000 broke in without paying.

1934—Millwall were beaten 5-0 at Burnden leaving the promotion issue wide open with one game left to play, which for the Wanderers was at bottom club Lincoln City. G.T.

Taylor scored after 20 seconds play and Bolton found themselves four up inside twenty minutes. G.T. Taylor hit a second, Ray Westwood got two and Jack Milsom also hit the net.

1945—Although Bolton took a 3-0 advantage to Newcastle for the second leg of the Football League War cup quarter final they found this had evaporated when Albert Stubbins hit a hat trick in eleven first half minutes. Jackie Melburn hit United's fourth before George Hunt levelled the aggregate score at 4-4 in the 75th minute although for league purposes the 4-1 result stood in United's favour. During extra time, which were spells of two ten minute halves, the issue was decided when Nat Lofthouse scored with a minute left on the clock.

1973—The Wanderers were presented with the Third Division Championship after a 2-0 home win over Brentford thanks to goals by John Byrom and Peter Nicholson.

1976—Although the Wanderers had missed out on promotion to Division One by the slenderest of margins, 12815 were at Burnden to see two John Byrom goals and one from Peter Nicholson defeat Bristol Rovers by 3-1. It was Byrom's last League appearance for the Wanderers.



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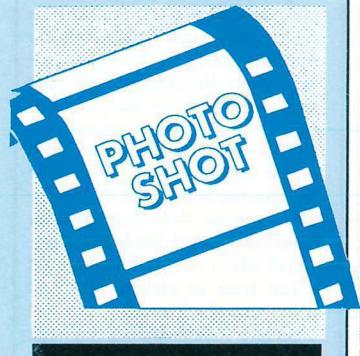


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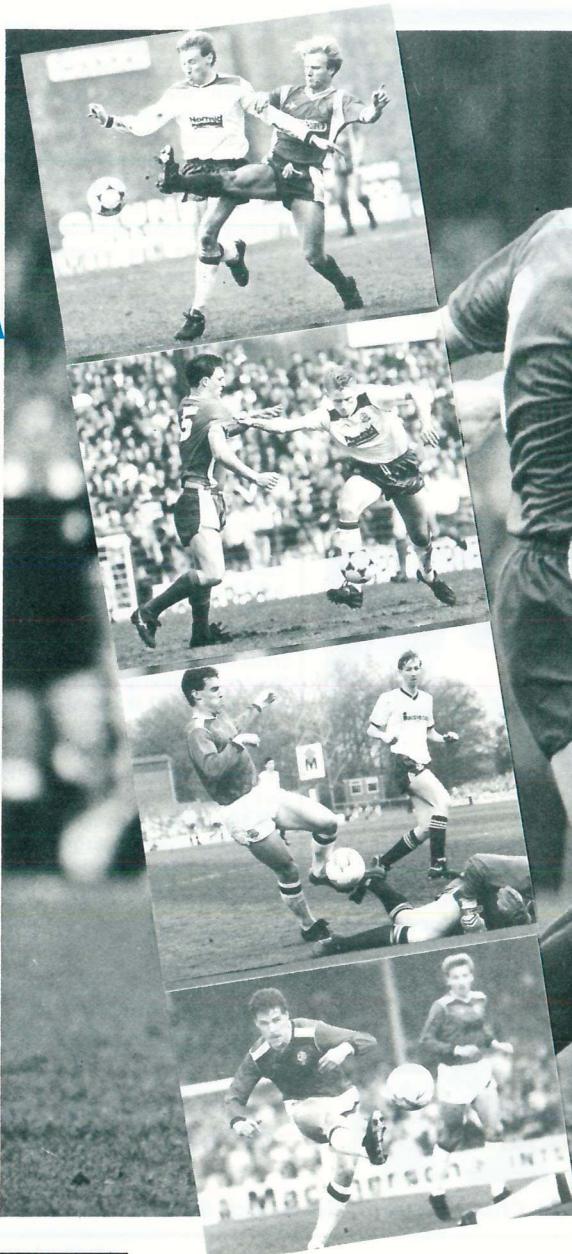


RIGHT: Paul Comstive takes on Shrewsbury defender Graeme Worsley.

INSET (from top):

1. Julian Darby finds his path blocked by Shrewsbury's John McGinlay.
2. David Reeves gets to grips with Shrewsbury defender Mark Blake.
3. Stuart Storer is denied by the foot of Bury goalkeeper Gary Kelly as defender Alan Knill looks on.
4. Stuart Storer shoots towards the Bury goal.

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"Well done Bristol City-for they have had a marvellous season"



The return of the 'Manageress' last Sunday night was welcome viewing as far as I was concerned. This enjoyable Channel 4 programme on the running of a Second Division team showed an imaginary Board Meeting in what to say the least were comical terms but I wonder if viewers actually thought that the scenes looked real to life? The series looks set to be just as successful as the first one was and nobody could argue that the 'Manageress' herself is a real cracker.

Whilst we're on the subject of football on T.V., the excellent BBC 2 documentary 'United' is certainly a gripping half hour viewing on Friday evenings. The programme is excellently produced and gives an insight into the real life workings of a professional club from all angles, the Chairman down to the laundry woman. The BBC couldn't have got the team and timing involved any better, even if they had been looking into a crystal ball because the top of the Second Division at present is very exciting with every game very crucial and positions in the table switching with every result.

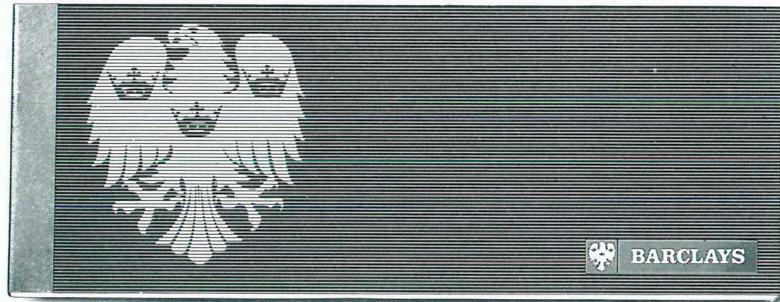
It certainly looks to be congratulations to Darlington who look virtually certain to regain their Football League status, ironically at the expense of Colchester—the side who just survived last season condemning the Quakers to the GM Vauxhall Conference League. The North East side remained full time this season and manager Brian

Little has done a superb job in gaining promotion as well as attracting attendances which are well up on the last few seasons.

Turning our attention to this afternoon's opponents and it's well done to Bristol City—the club who we made a lot of friends with after the Freight Rover Final at Wembley back in 1986—for they have had a marvellous season and look set to be crowned champions of the Third Division. They of course can expect no favours today and it would be particularly satisfying if we could find some of our fine form from earlier in the season and leave them empty ended come quarter to five.

With only the visit down to Swansea next weekend to complete our scheduled League programme, I think it's time to publish the 'Chip Shop' awards for the best chips and fish at away venus. In first place it has to be Crewe, because the queue was enormous but so was the fish, and the chips were just as good. Northampton just sneaked into second spot in front of Brentford, while Leyton Orient deserve a mention because the Chippy there gave you so many. Unfortunately Reading was the worst of the lot, even the result couldn't help that day—but if you think I am codding or can smell something fishy never mind, I didn't put my sole into this article and if you would like to take my plaice you are quite welcome to.

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PONTIN'S LEAGUE FIXTURES 1989/90

Aug.			
23	Sheffield W.	A	1-1
30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.			
6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
13	York City	H	2-3
19	Burnley	A	1-0
20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.			
2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
18	Port Vale	A	1-1
25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.			
15	Sunderland	A	2-3
22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.			
13	Middlesborough	H	1-4
Jan.			
3	Stoke City	A	3-4
10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4
17	York City	A	1-1
31	Burnley	H	P
Feb.			
7	Blackpool	A	3-1
12	Preston N.E.	A	0-0
21	Mansfield T.	H	1-0
28	Barnsley	A	2-4
Mar.			
5	Port Vale	H	2-1
14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	1-0
28	Wolverhampton W.	A	2-2
30	Wigan	H	0-2
Apr.			
2	Grimsby T.	A	5-1
4	Grimsby T.	H	0-0
9	West Brom. Alb.	H	
10	Middlesborough	A	
18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May			
2	Sunderland	H	

4th April, 1990. Bolton Wanderers 0 Grimsby Town 0

The Wanderers couldn't match the performance they had put up 48 hours earlier when they hit Grimsby for five at Blundell Park.

Grimsby's keeper Paul Reece, having been the victim on the previous encounter turned out to be the hero with a string of valuable saves that kept his side in the game which was virtually all in Bolton's favour.

In only the 3rd minute a right wing cross by trialist Joey Murray found Paul Comstive at the far post and his header was turned onto the woodwork by Reece.

Indeed it was Comstive who had had created the best of Bolton's chances to break the deadlock especially in the closing stages.

Six minutes from time his cross was headed over by substitute Steve Birks and in the final minute a John Gregory cross found Comstive but his header went the wrong side of the post.

TEAMS

Bolton: Gray, Roberts, Neal, Spooner, Came, Stubbs, Green, Comstive, Jeffrey, Stevens, Fisher. Subs: Birks, Mason for Green.

Grimsby: Reece, Williams, Smaller, Buckley, Robinson, Edwards, Penny, Ford, Willis, Hargreaves, Clarke.

Subs: Sharman, Mann.

9th April, 1990. Bolton Wanderers 1 West Bromwich Alb 0

Revenge was gained for the 5-1 defeat at the Hawthorns last September thanks to a Mike Jeffrey goal after only 55 seconds.

The Albion defence were caught cold as Paul Comstive put Jeffrey through to round keeper Tony O'Dowd before shooting into an empty net despite a last ditch challenge from Martyn Bennett.

Since his return from injury Mike Jeffrey has found the net 9 times in 13 games and has overtaken Ian Stevens as leading goalgetter for the reserves.

TEAMS

Bolton: Gray, Roberts, Neal, Spooner, Came, Stubbs, Green, Comstive, Jeffrey, Stevens, Fisher.

Subs: Birks, Mason for Green.

West Brom: O'Dowd, Hodson, Rogers, Barnett, Bennett, Raven, Parkin, Cartwright, West, Foster, Anderson.

Subs: Pritchard, Allardyce.





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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

ALEX SMITH

Bolton Wanderers



It was in the early sixties that Alex Smith almost found himself on soccer's scrap-heap through no fault of his own. He was a member of the old Accrington Stanley side that disbanded in 1962 when they became the first League club to fold.

Alex said, "I had joined them in August and by the following February they had gone but I was one of the lucky players along with Mike Ferguson who signed for Blackburn. But very few of the lads stayed in League football."

He signed for Bill Riddings and became understudy to England international keeper Eddie Hopkinson, and this is why Alex was limited to some twenty odd first team appearances. One particular game springs to mind when he stood in at Everton. He said, "There was 52,000 on and Dennis Stevens was playing for Everton. We got beat 2-0 but I didn't disgrace myself and enjoyed it."

After six seasons at Bolton working with players like Francis Lee, Freddie Hill and Wyn Davies, Alex was taken to Halifax by Alan Ball senior. Alex said, "I was Bally's first signing and gained promotion under him plus a couple of good Cup runs. In eight years there I completed over

300 appearances."

It was Alan Ball who took both Freddie Hill and Dave Lennard to the Shay and made money on both when Hill went to Manchester City and Lennard to Blackpool.

Towards the end of his career Alex Smith moved to Preston for a couple of seasons where he became understudy for the second time. It was Roy Tunks who was first choice. Meanwhile, Alex had planned for the future and was already operating his family business, the Bedding and Suite Centre in Derby Street, Bolton. "I've been here for twenty years now and if anyone wants to come and see me first I can offer a good deal."

Due to his business commitments Alex can only fit in evening games and he still watches Bolton. As for the Wanderers present predicament and a possible play off spot Alex says, "It's up to the players, the manager can't help them out on the park but I hope they reach their goal."

As for Accrington, Alex revealed that he had been back to his former hunting ground to find that a school had been partly built on the site. He said, "It's sad—but that's life."

Alex recently met up again with some of his former Bolton team mates when he supported a Sportsmans Evening for the Freddie Hill Testimonial Year.

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"20 League games without defeat set a new club record"

Photo: Julian Darby scores the first of his two goals against Bristol City in last season's encounter.



Although Bristol City have been considered to be something of a bogey side to the Wanderers in recent years, the current league leaders haven't taken the points in the last four encounters between the clubs.

A goalless draw resulted at Burnden in April 1987, whilst last season two Julian Darby goals gave Bolton a 2-0 win and commenced a run of 20 league games without defeat to set a new club record.

The last two games at Ashton Gate have resulted in 1-1 draws. In November 1988 a goal from Trevor Morgan equalised one from City's Rob Newman to end a run of ten consecutive league and cup defeats for the Wanderers at City. Last November it was Phil Brown who found the net for Bolton again equalising a goal from Newman.

The clubs first met at Burnden in October 1903 when a 1-1 draw resulted in a Second Division fixture, although nine months earlier City paid a visit in

the first round of the FA Cup and won 5-0.

There have only been two other occasions when both City and the Wanderers have been involved in the promotion frame at the same time.

In season 1904/05 in the Second Division, Bolton were the first club to visit Ashton Gate on the opening day of the season. A last minute goal from Billy Yenson secured a 4-3 win for the Wanderers, this being only one of the two League successes by Bolton at Ashton Gate, the other being in April 1907.

Bolton completed their only double over City with a 3-1 win at Burnden in December 1904 the result being the Wanderers tenth consecutive League win. At the end of that season Bolton were promoted as runners up to Liverpool whilst City finished in fourth position, Manchester United occupying third spot.

In 1975/76 again both clubs were chasing promotion to Division One. Once again Bolton opened the season with a visit to Ashton Gate but went down to a Garry Sweeney penalty. In the return at Burnden the scores were reversed with Neil Whatmore securing the points for Bolton.

At the end of that season City won promotion as runners up to Sunderland whilst the Wanderers finished fourth, just one point behind both City and third placed West Bromwich Albion.

Our overall league record against Bristol City is as follows:

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	21	9	5	7	26	26	
Away	22	2	8	12	24	42	
Total	43	11	13	19	50	68	



By Season by Season

For the commencement of 1917-18 the fixtures were arranged on a home and away basis so that clubs played each other on successive Saturdays and a 20% split of takings could be taken immediately to help the financial hardships.

The people who seemed most interested in the opening of the new season were the men in khaki although they had little to shout about as far as the Wanderers were concerned.

The first four games all ended in defeat. Stoke

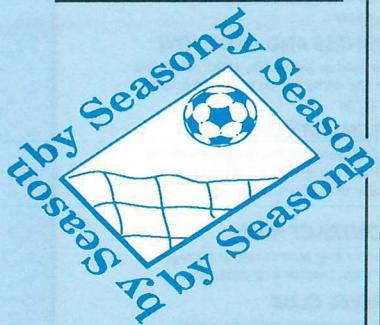
1917-18

Manager: T. Mather

1 Sep	1 (h) Stoke	L 2-5 Pilkington, Geddes
2	8 (a) Stoke	L 2-6 Kelly, Geddes
3	15 (h) Liverpool	L 0-3
4	22 (a) Liverpool	L 0-6
5	29 (h) Bury	W 4-1 W Davies, Hilton 2, Winterburn
6 Oct	6 (a) Bury	D 1-1 W Davies
7	13 (h) Southport Cen	D 1-1 Winterburn
8	20 (a) Southport Cen	L 2-6 W Davies, Buchan
9	27 (a) Burnley	L 1-2 Heathcote
10 Nov	3 (h) Burnley	W 8-0 Heathcote, Clayton 2, Rutter, Geddes, Winterburn 2 (1 pen). Opp own-goal
11	10 (a) Manchester U	W 3-1 Geddes 2, Winterburn
12	17 (h) Manchester U	W 4-2 W Davies, Heathcote, Geddes, Opp own-goal
13	24 (a) Stockport C	W 3-2 Winterburn, W Davies, Pickup
14 Dec	1 (h) Stockport C	L 1-3 W Davies
15	8 (a) Oldham A	L 3-6 Rutter, W Davies, Heathcote
16	15 (h) Oldham A	L 3-5 Geddes, Heathcote, Opp own-goal
17	22 (h) Port Vale	L 0-2
18	25 (a) Bury	D 2-2 Buchan, Geddes
19	29 (a) Port Vale	W 2-1 Smith, Geddes
20 Jan	1 (h) Bury	W 4-0 Smith 2, Buchan, Geddes
21	5 (h) Blackburn R	W 5-2 Smith, Buchan 3, Pickup
22	12 (a) Blackburn R	W 3-1 Winterburn 2, Heathcote
23	19 (a) Preston NE	L 0-2
24	26 (h) Preston NE	W 4-0 Heathcote 2, Barrett, Winterburn
25 Feb	2 (a) Blackpool	W 5-0 W Davies 2, Pickup, Heathcote, A Davies
26	9 (h) Blackpool	D 1-1 Geddes
27	16 (h) Manchester C	W 1-0 Heathcote
28	23 (a) Manchester C	W 1-0 W Davies
29 Mar	2 (h) Rochdale	D 1-1 Winterburn
30	9 (a) Rochdale	L 2-5 Winterburn, Hurst
31	16 (h) Everton	L 2-3 Winterburn, Pickup
32	23 (a) Everton	W 3-2 Heathcote 2, Pickup
33	30 (h) Oldham A	W 2-0 Winterburn, Geddes
34 Apr	6 (a) Oldham A	L 1-2 Heathcote
35	13 (h) Rochdale	W 2-1 J. Nuttall, Winterburn
36	22 (a) Rochdale	L 0-4

FINAL LEAGUE POSITION: 7th in Lancashire Section Principal Competition, 1st in Supplementary Competition
Matches 18, 20 & 33-36 were in the Lancashire Section Supplementary Tournament.

Appearances
Goals



winning 5-2 and 6-2 whilst Liverpool put 9 into the Wanderers net without reply in the two games.

Changes were made in every department for the fifth game and the first win of the season was recorded by 4-1 against Bury at Burnden.

November was a successful month for Bolton. An 8-0 win over Burnley was followed up with the double over Manchester United and a 3-2 win at Stockport. Tom Buchan once again had to take over as emergency keeper in this game, regular keeper Bill Ellison missing his train.

During January more

SEASON 1917/18



**TOM
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*Emergency
keeper at
Stockport*

of the old players returned home on leave. Nuttal, Rowley, Seddon, Davies, Smith and Vizard all took part in the 5-2 home win over Blackburn.

A clean sweep over the Manchester clubs was completed in February when City were beaten 1-0 in both games but the chief source of satisfaction was the fact that the club had been able to carry on. Nothing had been added to their laurels and no tangible rewards gained, good victories were won and on the other hand there were bad defeats which were all part of the wartime regime.

Joe Smith ended the season by collecting a medal whilst guesting for Chelsea in the champions game. The London combination winners defeated Lancashire section Champions Stoke 6-2 with Smith scoring 3 goals.

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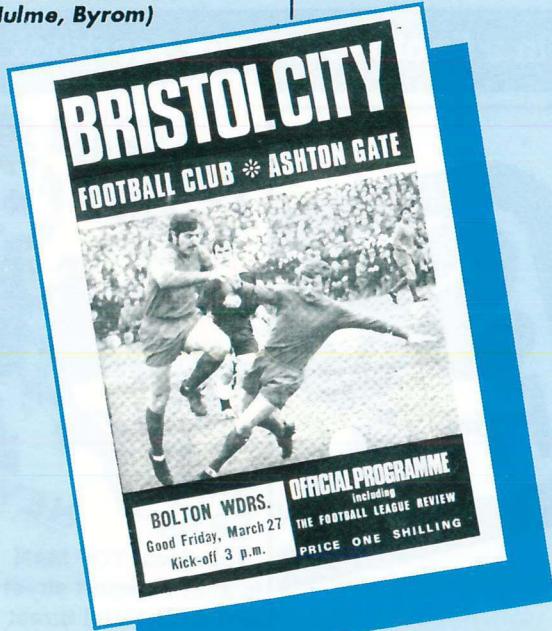


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DIVISION THREE REVIEW

Of the 23 Division Three clubs programmes this season, 3 charge £1, 5 are 80p, 2 are 60p with the remaining 14 priced at 70p.

The number of pages varies from 24 to 48, with the average being 32.

Photo content of most programmes is low, perhaps due to added expense, and few have any internal colour.

Almost all of the programmes are standard A5 size, with the exception of Blackpool, Brentford, Bristol City, Fulham and Preston who have larger issues. Largest number of pages goes to Bristol Rovers with 48, smallest number of pages is 24 for Bristol City, Shrewsbury and Swansea; seven of the programmes have over 50% of their contents as adverts.

Although many of the programmes represent value for money over a third of the issues are disappointing, notably Blackpool, Bristol City, Bury, Orient, Northampton, Notts County, Reading and Swansea.

Of the £1 issues only Brentford provides a worthwhile read, Fulham has perhaps the best photo content and Reading apart from an attractive front cover must be the worst value for money programme in the Division, if not in the whole of the League.

The 80p programmes with the exception of Bristol Rovers are no better than, and in most cases less interesting than their lower priced counterparts. Of those at 70p a good read is to be obtained from many issues, notably Birmingham, Chester, Tranmere and Walsall.

Only two programmes at 60p, Mansfield and Shrewsbury, both commendable efforts.

Overall, half of the clubs give value for money, but at least a third provide little to keep the supporter's interest, the poorest efforts being Bury, Notts County and Swansea.

My vote for the best value for money programme in Division Three goes to Bristol Rovers, with Birmingham City 2nd and Mansfield Town 3rd. The worst Division Three programme for value for money is Reading with Swansea the worst programme overall.

My vote for best value for money for reading content in the Football League goes to Wrexham, no many photos, but for depth of content it leaves the rest standing. If such a programme can be produced on limited resources other clubs of much higher standing should be able to improve their issues.

Ruth Crawshaw



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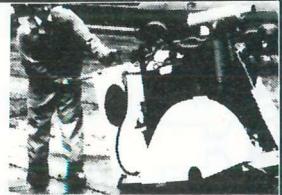
SCOTT GREEN

Scott came on as substitute to make his first team debut for Bolton against Shrewsbury last Saturday.



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TODAY'S MASCOT

Carl Fletcher

Carl is 10 years old and lives in Tonge Moor, Bolton. He attends Tonge Moor C.P. School and plays for the school B team at left wing. His favourite player is Julian Darby.

DIVISION THREE

	Top						A	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Bristol City	43	26	10	7	72	36	88	
Bristol R	42	23	15	4	63	32	84	

Notts City	42	23	10	9	64	48	79
Tranmere	43	23	9	11	83	45	78
Bury	44	20	11	13	68	48	71
Bolton	43	17	13	13	56	46	64

	Bottom						A	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A		
Preston	44	13	10	21	63	77	49	
Cardiff	43	11	13	19	45	63	46	
Blackpool	43	10	15	18	47	63	45	
Nthmpton	42	9	13	20	47	65	40	
Walsall	43	8	13	22	37	66	37	

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- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- 4 Scott GREEN
- 5 Mark CAME
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

TODAYS LINE UP

BRISTOL CITY
Red Shirts/White Shorts

- 1 Ronnie SINCLAIR
- 2 Andy LLEWELYN
- 3 Julian BAILEY
- 4 Gary SHELTON
- 5 Glyn HUMPHRIES
- 6 David RENNIE
- 7 Mark GAVIN
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